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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The reference(s) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference, "Technical Test Labs" appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto, and are relied upon for a statement of relevance for those references.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **APPENDIX**

## Concise Explanation

From the English translation of the Japanese Office Action, the DOS/V magazine article had been applied against claims 3-5 and 8-10. The discussion of this article on page 2/3 of the English translation of the Japanese Office Action is relied upon for a statement of relevance for the DOS/V magazine article.

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